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## Frye's persistence helps lead to identifying smelly gunk in Mission Bay

When big, mysterious blobs that looked and smelled like fecal material were found washing up in large numbers on the shores of Fiesta Island and other areas of Mission Bay last month, Councilmember Frye spent more than a week leading a loud call for urgent action and answers.

Those calls were answered, in part, Sept. 26 when a biological consultant for the City reported that the foul-smelling goop was not human or animal waste but dead, rotting sea sponges.

"The strong odor from the sponge is a result of organic decay of the dead organism and anaerobic bacterial degradation of the material," consultant Keith Merkel wrote in a Sept. 26 report to the City.

Frye is concerned that even though the material seems to be identified, sponges are suddenly dying off and in large numbers. Merkel's report stated that, "We trawl this species up quite regularly while conducting surveys and, when live, it naturally sinks when returned to the water. For this reason, it is of greater interest to consider why the sponge is dying in such numbers and washing ashore, a phenomenon that I have not seen before in over 20 years working in Southern California bays and most particularly Mission Bay."

County health officials posted beach-closure signs as soon as water monitoring tests revealed that state water monitoring standards were exceeded.

"The public has a right to know if their recreational waters are safe," said Frye. "However, right now, we don't know what caused the problem, so I will continue pushing to make sure the source of the problem is investigated and that the public is kept informed."

You can read Frye's Sept. 24 memo and the Mayor's reports on the issue on the Council District Six Web site, <http://www.sandiego.gov/citycouncil/cd6/memorandums/index.shtml>.



## Fighting to save San Onofre State Park from toll road



Councilmember Frye joined other elected officials and Save San Onofre Coalition members at a Sept. 19 rally before a U.S. Commerce Department hearing on the proposed San Onofre Toll Road. Donna and thousands of others oppose any federal action to override the state Coastal Commission's rejection of the Foothill-South Toll Road. The road would bisect San Onofre State Beach, the fifth most popular state park, forcing closure of the San Mateo campgrounds and threatening world-famous Trestles surf beach.

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# Quarry Falls wins Planning Commission approval

## *Council hearing tentatively slated for large Mission Valley project*

The San Diego Planning Commission has approved a somewhat scaled-down version of the proposed Quarry Falls mixed-use project in Mission Valley.

Even with its commercial development plan reduced by 25 percent, Quarry Falls remains one of the largest “urban village” projects ever proposed in San Diego with 4,780 housing units and 900,000 square feet of retail and office space.

The 230-acre development, replacing a mining quarry north of Friars Road and Qualcomm Way, also would include 30 acres of parks and open space, a water-reclamation plant and a K-12 charter school.

Executives of the project development firm, Sudberry Properties, were relieved at clearing a major hurdle with the Planning Commission’s 4-0 vote Sept. 18.

“We want to do a unique village that’s never been done in urban San Diego,” said Tom Sudberry, president of the firm.

The project is tentatively scheduled to come before the City Council Oct. 21. City planners applaud Quarry Falls for its environmentally conscious design, mass transit options and walkability features. Opponents contend it is just too big, especially in an area that has been densely developed over five decades without adequate community parks and infrastructure.

The Mission Valley Unified Planning Organization approved the proposed project in June. But many area residents and groups representing them – including the Mission Valley Community Council – remains fiercely opposed, mostly because of the large volume of traffic it is expected to generate.

In addition to the tens of millions in development fees Sudberry would have to pay, the firm has agreed to spend tens of millions more on improvements to surrounding streets, including a major reconfiguration of Friars Road and state Route 163 interchanges. That area is often snarled already, especially at rush hours.

At the Sept. 18 Planning hearing, three of the four Commissioners favored a proposed roadway extension in the northern part of the project, connecting Quarry Falls to Phyllis Place – and Interstate 805 access -- in Serra Mesa. The extension was advocated by City engineers, who said it would improve traffic flow in Mission Valley and most parts of Serra Mesa.

But the majority of Serra Mesa residents oppose the proposed connecting road, as does their local Planning Group. Commission Chairman Barry Shultz cast the decisive vote against it, denying the four votes needed. Shultz said he would not favor any action that furthered the region’s continuing overreliance on automobile transportation

## **Don’t forget — Your vote counts!**

To vote in the Nov. 4 General Election, you must be registered to vote no later than Oct. 20. It is necessary to re-register if you have moved, changed your name, or if you change your political party affiliation. Voter registration forms are at post offices, libraries, schools, City and County offices, and at the state Department of Motor Vehicles. Additional information is available from the County Registrar of Voters at (858) 565-5800 or <http://www.sdcountry.ca.gov/voters/Eng/Eindex.shtml>.

## *Bayside Community Center hosts celebration, open house*

An open house and “Salute to Bayside Champions” will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 16, at the venerable Bayside Community Center, 2202 Comstock Street in Linda Vista. The event will feature a tour of the center’s newly refurbished lower level, including its new computer lab.

The center has plenty to celebrate.

It began in 1932 as Bayside Settlement House, providing services to Italian and Portuguese fisherman and their families at its original location in Little Italy. The agency has resided in the heart of the Linda Vista community since 1978.

Many educational programs and classes are offered through Bayside, assisting groups of all ages and representing a variety of cultures, including Spanish, Vietnamese and Chinese. Many seniors gather daily for a healthy lunch and socializing.

For years, Bayside has provided emergency services and advocacy to immigrants and refugees who are limited by language, cultural understanding, and knowledge of our laws.

In addition to its birthday party, Bayside is celebrating a major remodeling project, paid for largely by a \$400,000 Community Development Block Grant arranged by Councilmember Donna Frye.

Jorge Riquelme, director of the center, issued an open invitation for everyone to come by on Oct. 16 and help celebrate some of the remarkable individuals who make Bayside the anchor that it is within the richly diverse Linda Vista community.



## Frye questions staff, hoteliers on Hanalei project

The Crowne Plaza Hanalei San Diego Hotel's proposed plans for a conference center expansion were heard at the City Council meeting of Sept. 22. Councilmember Donna Frye asked many questions to obtain clarification on environmental objections raised by opponents of the project.

Operators of the Hanalei, on Mission Valley's Hotel Circle North, received approval from the Planning Commission to build a 10,000-square-foot conference center in the hotel parking lot. Members of environmental groups and local activists had appealed the Development Services Department's "mitigated negative declaration" to the City Council, claiming the project posed impacts significant enough to warrant a detailed environmental review.

The Hanalei occupies a 10-acre parcel abutting the San Diego River channel. Opponents of the expansion, including the Audubon Society and Sierra Club, contend the hotel is encroaching on a river buffer zone and isn't doing enough to keep parking lot runoff from polluting the river.

The City's development staff recommended denial of their appeal, stating that the buffer lines were drawn after the hotel was built in 1956, and that the relatively small conference center would not expand the property boundary or pose added impacts on the river.

After a staff presentation and testimony from both sides, Frye asked numerous questions of development officials and Hanalei operators, focusing mostly on how the hotel might improve its runoff collection, better respect the buffer zone and leave room for a future bike path in the area.

There was no final decision, and the item is expected to be brought back before the Council in early October.

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### ***Linda Vista Rec Center to hold family events***

The Linda Vista Recreation Center is hosting two noteworthy events for families this month.

Kids of all ages can have a spooky good time at the Linda Vista/Kearny Mesa Community Halloween Carnival, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 30. Tickets are only \$1, and there'll be lots of activities and fun for children and parents alike.

Meanwhile, families wanting to participate in the Marine Corps Reserve's annual Toys for Tots program are invited to register Oct. 25 through Nov. 3 at the Recreation Center, 7064 Levant St.

Parents will need to bring proof of San Diego residency, such as a utility bill; photo identification and a Social Security card; and proof of income, such as a recent tax return or social-service paperwork. Children will need proof of parentship/guardianship, a birth certificate and Social Security card.

Additional information is available by calling the Center at (858) 573-1392.





## Long live the “King”

Councilmember Frye presented a proclamation from the City Council, declaring September 12, 2008, to be George ‘King’ Stahlman Day in the City of San Diego. King Stahlman served in World War II and received a purple heart for his service in the Battle of Guadalcanal. He holds the oldest bail-bond license in the state and has operated his business in San Diego since 1952. He also has a very generous heart, helping many San Diego residents who have gone through difficult times.



## Frye and DeMaio Hold Town Hall Meetings On Reforming City Council

*Bipartisan effort aimed at improving effectiveness and rebuilding trust*

Councilmember Frye and Councilmember-elect Carl DeMaio held two town hall meetings in Districts Five and Six in September to get public input on suggestions for reforming the San Diego City Council.

The goal of the reform effort is to improve the transparency and effectiveness of the Council under San Diego’s Strong Mayor/Strong Council form of government.

One of the main objectives is “restoring the trust the public has in its City government,” Donna told town hall participants Sept. 20 at the Salvation Army Fellowship Hall in Clairemont. “That is what we are doing here today.”

DeMaio said that when he and three other new members are seated in December, “we have an opportunity to change the way the City Council does business.”

“Tonight we begin the process of putting together a package of reforms that the new Council can enact later this year,” he said.

Frye and DeMaio plan to follow up with at least two upcoming hearings review all findings and recommendations. They are scheduled 8:30 a.m. Oct. 17 and 4 p.m. Oct. 30 at City Hall, 202 C St. The goal is to provide the incoming City Council with a comprehensive set of reforms for consideration after the new Council members are sworn in Dec. 8.

The town halls were intended to receive public input in four key areas:

- **Budget and Legislative Processes:** How can the budget and legislative processes be reformed to position the City Council as an effective legislative partner in solving San Diego’s financial and operational problems?
- **Council Oversight:** How can the City Council fulfill its duty to provide better oversight of taxpayer monies being spent by the city government?
- **Public Participation:** How can the City Council be a more open and transparent body?
- **Presiding Officers, Rules of Order and Committee Structure:** How can internal policies improve the decorum and efficiency of the City Council in its deliberations?

## *Striving to give kids a kick out of soccer*



Concerned about the obesity crisis and violence among youth, leaders in Linda Vista are attempting to get kids in the community excited about participating in organized soccer. They are launching that effort with a Nov. 15 soccer tournament at Mesa College.

The free tournament, dubbed the Linda Vista Cup 2008, is for boys and girls ages 9 to 13. It is being organized and sponsored by the Linda Vista Collaborative, a group of area “stakeholders” dedicated to improving the lives of all community residents.

The organizers have a “wish list” of equipment needed for the tournament, including soccer balls, goals, cones, soccer bibs, T-shirts, banners, trophies and snacks. If you’d like to donate, or want more information about this exciting event, contact Roberto Shim at Harbor Presbyterian Church in Linda Vista, (347) 645-6445; or e-mail him at: [robertos@harborpc.org](mailto:robertos@harborpc.org).

## Thinking Green

Councilmember Frye had the opportunity to tour the California Center for Sustainable Energy, located in Kearny Mesa in District Six. The Center is a non-profit organization dedicated to “Greening Your World” through public programs and services including free workshops, rebate programs, free shade trees, outreach events and public education. You can check out their Web site at [www.energycenter.org](http://www.energycenter.org) for more information.



Councilmember Frye joined Irene Stillings, Executive Director of the Center for Sustainable Energy and a statue made out of recyclables to bring awareness that the average Joe throws out his own weight in recyclable materials every 30 days.



# CLAIREMONT LIBRARY

## 50<sup>TH</sup>

### Anniversary

*Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008, 10:00-2:00*

10:00- 2:00	Children's Crafts
10:30-12:30	Face Painting by "Sparkles" the Clown
10:30-11:30	The Royals Doo Wop Music Group
11:00-11:15	Councilwoman Donna Frye Presentation
11:30-12:30	Hula Hoop Exhibition
12:30- 1:30	The Folk Collection Music Group
	PLUS

Nick Popaditch, Local Author of *Once a Marine*,  
Kevin Gerard, Local Author of *Conor and the Crossworlds*,  
Tecolote Nature Center Presentation,  
and Refreshments

The Clairemont Branch Library, located at 2920 Burgener Blvd., will be celebrating 50 years of service to the community this year. A special celebration will occur on Saturday, Oct. 18, with music, refreshments, and children's programs.

The library was built in 1958 at a cost of \$84,766. Recent upgrades include air conditioning added in 1991, inside repainting in 1996, window replacement in 1997, and re-carpeting in 2001. Future plans include improved landscaping.

At the time Clairemont library was built, it was the 13th branch in the San Diego Public Library system. Today there are more than 30 branch libraries in San Diego.

Many original residents still reside in Clairemont. As the community changes, younger families have become more evident. As a result, circulation among children and teens has increased. The branch has enlarged its children's programming, which is well attended. In fact, in many instances three generations regularly use the library.

Over the years Clairemont Library has kept in step with the changing times. Where there were initially primarily hardback books and periodicals, there are now cassettes, CD-ROMS, DVDs, and the Internet. The branch has six public Internet terminals and two catalog computers, all of which are in constant demand. Wireless Internet service is also available. Books still hold a very important place at the library--due to increased shelving and display, the Clairemont branch has as many books as it had prior to the addition of these other technologies.





# Baskets & Botany 2008

A Kumeyaay Cultural Experience in Tecolote Canyon

Saturday, October 11, 2008

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

## Tecolote Nature Center

5180 Tecolote Road, (858) 581-9944



## Schedule of Events

9:00 a.m. San Diego Field Ornithologists Canyon Birding Walk

Discover the beauty of the canyon and see some feathered friends that call Tecolote home.

10:00 a.m. Native American Mime and Storyteller, Abel Silvas

A unique history lesson performed by Abel Silvas a.k.a Running Grunion

11:00 p.m. Nyemii Wild Cat Bird Singers

Native Americans share traditional songs

12:00 -2:00 Project Wildlife Booth

See a live canyon critter and learn how you can help wildlife in need

1:00 – 3:00 Sky Hunter Raptor Education

Learn about Owls and Raptors and see them up close

2:00 p.m. Native American Mime and Storyteller, Abel Silvas

A unique history lesson performed by Abel Silvas a.k.a Running Grunion

## All Day Activities

**Indian Education Center's Arts and Crafts Table** – Kids and adults welcome! Make a clay pot, reed basket, dream catcher, Kumeyaay bear, or Kumeyaay traveling bag and learn the importance and meaning behind each work of art. **Sand Painting**–Archeologist and artist, Richard Cerutti will help you make a beautiful creation using sandstone. **Stone Tools**–See how Kumeyaay tools are made and learn some geology. **Basket Weaving Demonstrations and Sales**, **Artifacts Display**, **Nature Center Exploration**, **Native Plant Garden Tours**, **Indian Fry Bread for Sale**, and **Fun! Fun! Fun!**

Schedule is tentative and subject to change



## ***Saving our planet – in ways big and small, it all counts***

Councilmember Frye has volunteered to serve on the Host Committee for San Diego's 2009 Kyoto Laureate Symposium and Gala.

The opening gala and three-day symposium in March will celebrate the lives and work of laureates receiving the prestigious Kyoto Prize. The Prize, founded by Japan's non-profit Inamori Foundation, recognizes those who contribute greatly to the scientific, cultural and spiritual betterment of humanity. Since 1985, Prizes have been awarded to 75 laureates from 12 nations, led by 32 from the United States.



San Diego is the only city in the world outside of Japan to host an annual Kyoto Laureate Symposium, drawing together leaders of business, government, peacemaking organizations and academic institutions.

Additional information is available online at [www.kyotoprize.org](http://www.kyotoprize.org) or by calling (619) 235-4542.

On Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 4 and 5, San Diego EarthWorks will host the seventh GreenBuilt Tour, a self-guided tour of homes and businesses that feature "green" architecture and construction that saves resources, energy, water, your health, money -- and our environment.

Tour participants can find out from site owners and builders what they did, how they did it and why. Choose from 20 tour sites to visit (different sites on each day, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.).

Tickets are \$25 and may be purchased online or by calling (858) 272-7370. Proceeds go to San Diego EarthWorks, a non-profit organization dedicated to increasing awareness of environmental issues through the annual EarthFair in Balboa Park; the annual E.A.R.T.H. Awards; and the Rose Creek Restoration Project.

Detailed information about the GreenBuilt Tour is available at <http://www.GreenBuilt-SanDiego.org>



## ***Applauding Flyway Cities***

Councilmember Frye presented a City Council proclamation Sept. 2 to Shannon Dougherty of the San Diego Flyway Cities Coalition.

The coalition is a group of 35 local organizations and agencies working together to enhance wildlife habitats within the San Diego area.





## Important Phone Numbers

Abandoned Vehicles	858-495-7856
Animal Regulation	619-236-4250
Beach & Bay Advisory	619-338-2073
Birth and Death Records	619-237-0502
Brush Abatement	619-533-4444
Building Permits	619-446-5000
Buses/MTS Access	619-233-3004
Canyon Watchers Program	858-292-6484
City Council Docket Info	619-533-4000
City Directory	619-236-5555
Community Service Center	858-581-4111
<b>Code Violations</b>	<b>619-236-5500</b>
Curb Maintenance	619-527-7500
Dead Animal Removal	858-694-7000
Dog Licenses	619-767-2675
Fire Stations	619-533-4300
<b>Graffiti</b>	<b>619-525-8522</b>
<b>Hazardous Materials Hotline</b>	<b>858-694-7000</b>
Housing Commission	619-231-9400
Humane Society	619-299-7012
Libraries	
Balboa	858-573-1390
Clairemont	858-581-9935
Linda Vista	858-573-1399
Mission Valley	858-573-5000
North Clairemont	858-581-9931
Serra Mesa	858-573-1396
Noise Regulation	619-236-5500
Office of Small Business	619-685-1390
Park and Recreation	619-525-8219
<b>Parking Citations</b>	<b>619-236-7145</b>
<b>Police: Non-Emergency</b>	<b>619-531-2000</b>
<b>Pot Hole Hotline</b>	<b>619-527-7500</b>
Recreation Centers	
Kearny Mesa	858-573-1387
Linda Vista	858-573-1392
North Clairemont	858-581-9926
Serra Mesa	858-573-1408
South Clairemont	858-581-9924
Tecolote	858-581-9933
Recycling Hotline	858-694-7000
Senior Citizens Services	619-236-6905
Serra Mesa Community Connection	858-565-2473
Sewer Repair/Spills	619-515-3525
<b>Sidewalk Maintenance</b>	<b>619-527-7500</b>
<b>Stormwater Pollution Hotline</b>	<b>619-235-1000</b>
Street Lights	619-527-7500
Street Sweeping	619-527-7500
Traffic Control	619-533-3126
<b>Tree Maintenance</b>	<b>619-527-7500</b>
Waste Reduction & Disposal	858-492-5010
<b>Water Emergency</b>	<b>619-515-3525</b>
<b>Water Utilities</b>	<b>619-515-3500</b>

## District Six Community Meetings

### Balboa Avenue Citizens Advisory Committee

Place: Clairemont Community Service Center  
4731 Clairemont Drive  
When: 4th Wednesday/Month  
Time: 7:00 p.m.

### Clairemont Town Council

Place: Clairemont High School Cafeteria  
4150 Ute Drive  
When: 1st Thursday/Month  
Time: 7:00 p.m.

### Clairemont Mesa Planning Committee

Place: Clairemont Senior Friendship Center  
4425 Bannock Ave.  
When: 3rd Tuesday/Month  
Time: 6:30 p.m.

### Kearny Mesa Planning Group

Place: Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library  
9005 Aero Drive  
When: 3rd Wednesday/Month  
Time: 12:00 p.m.

### Linda Vista Town Council

Place: Bayside Community Center  
2202 Comstock Street  
When: 3rd Thursday/Month  
Time: 6:30 p.m.

### Linda Vista Community Planning Committee

Place: Linda Vista Library  
2160 Ulric Street  
When: 4th Monday/Month  
Time: 6:00 p.m.

### Mission Bay Park Committee

Place: Rotating Venue  
When: 1st Tuesday/Month  
Time: 6:00 p.m.

### Mission Valley Community Council

Place: Mission Valley Library  
2123 Fenton Parkway  
When: 3rd Wednesday/Odd Months  
Time: 6:30 p.m.

### Mission Valley Unified Planning Committee

Place: Mission Valley Library  
2123 Fenton Parkway  
When: 1st Wednesday/Month  
Time: 12:00 p.m.

### Serra Mesa Community Council

Place: Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library  
9005 Aero Drive  
When: 4th Wednesday/Month  
Time: 6:30 p.m.

### Serra Mesa Planning Group

Place: Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library  
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When: 3rd Thursday/Month  
Time: 7:00 p.m.



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